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Parks Offer Family Activities on Local Bugs and Frogs

Become better acquainted with a few of the more prevalent creatures that live in your backyard. The Fairfax County Park Authority offers interesting programs at Eakin Community Park and Huntley Meadows Park on Saturday, July 28, 2007 to inform residents about a few of the more common inhabitants of the area.

Spend Saturday morning at Huntley Meadows Park enjoying activities focused on insects that buzz. From 10 a.m. to noon, the Visitor Center will have a variety of self-guided activities focusing on the bugs that fly around the park. Everyone's favorite bug, be it the grasshopper or the ladybug or a butterfly, will be covered in the program! You are invited to join the staff in viewing videos on bugs while you create your very own bug arts and crafts projects.

Only \$2 per child, the program is suitable for kids four and older with an accompanying adult. Huntley Meadows is located at 3701 Lockheed Boulevard in Alexandria. For more information, please call 703-768-2525 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley>.

Once your ladybug masks have dried, bring the family over to Eakin Community Park for A Frog Chorus. The frogs living in the ponds play an important role in keeping the environment healthy. While watching them hop around the pond you will learn a bit more about their connection with freshwater ecosystems. From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., park staff will lead families around the pond to identify frog species by sight and call.

Eakin Park is located at 8515 Tobin Road in Fairfax. Bring a flashlight and meet at the Prosperity Avenue parking lot. Reservations and prepayment of \$5 per person are required. Please call 703-941-1065 for more information. The pond walk is suitable for children four and older.

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